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## Gordon E. Lapham

Gordon Eugene Lapham, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lapham, was born at Andover, February 24, 1921. He was baptized and confirmed in the Zion Lutheran church in Andover.

He was a member of the Andover High School, class of 1939, and served three years in the U. S. Navy during World War II. After his discharge from the service he was Day County Deputy Sheriff from August, 1945, until Jan. 1, 1947, when he moved to Aberdeen where he was a member of the Aberdeen police force for two years, until going to Minneapolis to take an engineering course at the Dunwoody Institute, later being employed by Harris Bros. Plumbing Co. of Minneapolis.

A year and one-half prior to his death, the family moved to California, where he was employed as a construction engineer for the North American Aviation Co., at Canoga Park.

On August 6, 1944, he was united in marriage to Rose Mary Menkler of Greeley, Colo., in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in San Bernardino, Calif., where both were stationed in the U. S. Navy. To this union two children were born, Charles Eugene, 12, and Eloise Marie, 10.

Following several earlier attacks of rheumatic fever, his last illness had been of six months' duration, coming to his parental home in Andover a week prior to his death.

He leaves to mourn his passing, besides his wife and children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lapham of Andover; three brothers, Robert of Andover, Arthur of Big Stone City and Charles of Spokane, Wash., and one sister, (Norma) Mrs. Orville Tastad of Aberdeen; six nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives.

Services were conducted in the Zion Lutheran Church in Andover at 2:00 p. m., Friday, July 26, with Rev. R. A. Nelson of Britton and Rev. M. Dommer of Aberdeen officiating. Interment was in the Andover cemetery. Pallbearers were six cousins of the deceased, Herbert, William, and Arthur Kroil, Orville and Donald Hein of Andover and James Blackwell of Minneapolis.